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TMB suspends Tyler physician

On September 10, 2019, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of David R. Shafer, M.D. (Lic. No. F1993), after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that Dr. Shafer had been diverting Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions he wrote in his wife's name for his own personal use, and obtaining prescriptions from practice partners. Dr. Shafer is currently enrolled in an inpatient rehabilitation program in Louisiana, where evaluations from that facility indicate Dr. Shafer is not currently fit to practice.

A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Shafer, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Shafer.

The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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